

REMARKS

Claims 2, 7, and 12 have been canceled. Claims 3-5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 18, 21, 23, 26, and 28; amended claims 1, 6, 9, 11, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 29, and 30; and new claims 31 and 32 are in this application.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Panasonic.

Each of the independent claims has been amended herein. As a result, and as an example, amended independent claim 1 now recites in part the following:

"in which when the user selects a past program, an indication is displayed that said past program has been broadcast."

It is believed that the present application provides support for the above feature of claim 1. With regard thereto, and as an example, reference is made to paragraph 0041 of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that Panasonic as applied by the Examiner in explaining the above 102 rejection does not appear to specifically disclose the above feature of claim 1. As an example, in explaining the above 102 rejection with regard to claim 17 (see page 7 of the present Office Action), the Examiner appears to assert that displaying past shows in gray (as indicated on page 24 of Panasonic) indicates "to the user that the show is over."

It is respectfully submitted that merely displaying past shows in gray (as indicated on page 24 of Panasonic) is not the same as the above feature of claim 1. That is, and as an example, in the above feature of claim 1, an indication is displayed that a selected past program has been broadcast. An

example of such indication may be a display which states "broadcast has been finished." (See paragraph 0041 of the present application.)

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 as presented herein is distinguishable from Panasonic as applied by the Examiner.

For reasons similar or somewhat similar to those previously described with regard to claim 1, it is also respectfully submitted that independent claims 6 and 11 as presented herein are distinguishable from Panasonic as applied by the Examiner.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 10, 13, and 15-30 are dependent from one of the amended independent claims and, as such, are also distinguishable from Panasonic as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons discussed above.

Claims 4, 9, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Panasonic in view of Lemmons.

Claims 4, 9, and 14 are dependent from one of the independent claims and are also distinguishable from Panasonic as applied by the Examiner for at least the reasons discussed above. The Examiner does not appear to have relied upon Lemmons to overcome the above described deficiencies of Panasonic. As such, claims 4, 9, and 14 are believed to be distinguishable from the applied combination of Panasonic and Lemmons.

New independent claims 31 and 32 have been added herein. Such new claims are believed to be distinguishable from Panasonic as applied for at least reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1.

As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been overcome, favorable

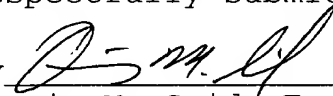
reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional rejections and/or objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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